CANDELARIA
AND
METALLIC CITY
SEVEN MILES TO THE WEST LIE THE GHOST TOWNS OF CANDELARIA AND METALLIC CITY.
CANDELARIA WAS PRESUMABLY NAMED AFTER A MINE OF THAT NAME LOCATED IN 1885, AND ALSO AFTER THE CATHOLIC CANDELMAS DAY. METALLIC CITY, THE "SIN CITY" OF CANDELARIA, AND ALSO KNOWN AS PICKHANDLE GULCH, LIES 3/4 MILE TO THE SOUTH OF CANDELARIA. THE NAME, PICKHANDLE, WAS DERIVED FROM THE MOST POPULAR WEAPON USED FOR SETTLING DISPUTES.
IN 1880, CANDELARIA WAS THE LARGEST TOWN IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AND BOASTED OF HAVING 3 DOCTORS, 3 LAWYERS, 2 HOTELS, 6 STORES AND 10 SALOONS. WATER PIPED FROM TRAIL CANYON IN 1882 CAUSED THE PRICE OF WATER TO DROP FROM $1.00 TO $0.05 PER GALLON.
THE LEADING MINE, THE NORTHERN BELLE, WAS FIRST LOCATED IN 1864 (RELOCATED IN 1870). IT IS REPORTED TO HAVE PRODUCED AN ESTIMATED $7 MILLION, MAINLY IN SILVER.

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BELLEVILLE
FOUNDED IN 1873, BELLEVILLE FLOURISHED MILLING THE ORE FROM THE NORTHERN BELLE MINE AT CANDELARIA. THE MILL LOCATED JUST EAST OF HERE MADE ITS FIRST BULLION BAR SHIPMENT, $9,200, IN APRIL 1875.
BELLEVILLE WAS FAMOUS FOR MURDERS, DRUNKEN BRAWLS, "SPORTING", AND PRACTIAL JOKES. IT WAS ALSO THE TERMINUS AND WORKCAMP OF THE CARSON AND COLORADO RAILROAD, WHICH REACHED TOWN IN 1882, WHEN BELLEVILLE'S POPULATION PEAKED AT ABOUT 500 AND WAS SERVED BY ONE DOCTOR, ASSAY OFFICE, EXPRESS OFFICE, TELEGRAPH STATION, LIVERY STABLE, SCHOOL HOUSE; BY TWO HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS; AND BY SEVEN SALOONS. IN 1887 WATER PIPED TO CANDELARIA CAUSED BELLEVILLE TO DECLINE, BEING DESERTED BY 1892.
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